

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Indian Health Service**

[0917-ZA05]

Reimbursement Rates for Calendar Years 1998 and 1999

Notice is given that the Director of Indian Health Service, under the authority of sections 321(a) and 322(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 248(a) and 249(b) and section 601 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1601), has approved the following reimbursement rates for inpatient and outpatient medical care in facilities operated by the Indian Health Service for Calendar Year 1998 and Calendar Year 1999: Medicare, and Medicaid Beneficiaries and Beneficiaries of other Federal agencies. Also, with Respect to Medicaid inpatient rates, Indian Health Service facilities may elect to receive payments for physician services by meeting those requirements under an approved State Medicaid plan.

	Calendar year 1998	Calendar year 1999
Inpatient Hospital Per Diem Rate (Excludes Physician Service)		
Lower 48 States	\$1,040	\$1,065
Alaska	1,300	1,331
Outpatient Per Visit Rate (Excluding Medicare)		
Lower 48 States	168	172
Alaska	241	241
Outpatient Per Visit Rate (Medicare)		
Lower 48 States	138	138
Alaska	210	210
Medicare Part B Inpatient Ancillary Per Diem Rate		
Lower 48 States	420	420

	Calendar year 1998	Calendar year 1999
Alaska	533	533

Outpatient Surgery Rate (Medicare)

Established rates for freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Centers.

Effective Date of Calendar Year 1998 and Calendar Year 1999 Rates

Consistent with previous annual rate revisions, the Calendar Year 1998 rates will be effective for services provided on/or after January 1, 1998 and the Calendar Year 1999 rates will be effective for services provided on/or after January 1, 1999.

Dated: January 19, 1999.

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Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institute of Child Health and Human Development****Proposed Collection: Comment Request; Preventing Problem Behavior Among Middle School Students**

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, for the opportunity for public comment on the proposed data collection projects, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

PROPOSED COLLECTION:

Title: Preventing Problem Behavior Among Middle School Students.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension, OMB Number 0925-0436, Expiration Date 6/30/99.

Need and Use of Information

Collection: The purpose of this study is to test the efficacy of a comprehensive program of interventions that include participatory classroom curriculum, parent education and enhanced school environment. Middle schools in one school district in Maryland were assigned to either a special intervention treatment condition or usual education (control) condition. The intervention is sequentially structured with curricula implemented in each grade of middle school. Classroom-administered questionnaires were administered to all middle schools prior to the intervention to establish baseline levels of the variables of interest, including substance use, school misconduct, parent and peer influences, and school climate. Data is collected annually after the completion of the grade level intervention. Information about parenting style will be collected on a sample of parents of participating student using telephone interviews.

As of the expiration of the current OMB approval, data will have been collected on one cohort of middle school students annually throughout middle school (6-8 grade) and two years of data collection on the second cohort of students (grades 6 and 7). Completion of the study as proposed includes collecting data on the second cohort in grade 8 and follow-up measurement of both cohorts in grade 9. Data will also be collected on a sample of parents.

Frequency of Response: Data will be collected 2 times over a two-year period.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; State, local or Tribal Governments.

Type of Respondents: Children and their parents.

Respondent and Burden Estimate Information:

Type of respondent	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of annual responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Children in Cohort 1	1370	1	.91	1248
Children in Cohort 2	1390	1	.91	1264
Parents	250	1	1.0	375
Total	3010	2887

Annualized cost to respondents
(based on \$10.00 per hour): \$28,870.00.

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs, and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: